GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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FLIGHT DELAYED DUE TO HOAX CALLS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many flights are delayed due to hoax calls;

(b) the airports in the country which are not equipped with Call Tracing facilities;

(c) the reasons for not installing such facilities at all phones in the airports by the International Airport Authorities of India;

(d) whether a time bound programme is proposed to be undertaken to improve the functioning of airports under the IAAI; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) On receipt of a specific threat call, elaborate search is carried out which may result in delay in flights.

(b)& (c): In all the major airports, Caller-identification facility has been installed on all important telephones.

(d) & (e): A time bound programme has been drawn up for deployment of CISF in all operational airports so as to ensure uniformity in standard of security. Quick reaction teams have been provided in major airports. Strict access control is being exercised. Airport Director has been made overall incharge of the Airport Security, and all necessary steps are being taken to ensure airport security.